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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA
### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Friday, 27 October 2000*

**SECURITY COUNCIL**

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/2000/1029)

Other matters

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m. 1442nd meeting (closed) Conference Room 9

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

3 p.m. 43rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [34]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/61, A/55/386)

(b) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its first meeting (A/55/274)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.10 and Corr.1, A/55/L.11)

*Open-ended Informal consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182*
*(Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit)*

10 a.m. Conference Room 2

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) [A Non-Paper by the President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Millennium Declaration has been circulated to all Member States. (Additional copies of the Non-Paper are available in the conference room).]

## Committees

### FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 24th meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 25th meeting | Conference Room 1 |

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

### SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 28th meeting | General Assembly Hall |

1. Environment and sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [95 (a)]

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.17*

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [92] (A/55/68-S/2000/377, A/55/69-S/2000/378, A/55/71-S/2000/393, A/55/74, A/55/158-E/2000/102, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/55/260-E/2000/108, A/55/310, A/55/375)

   (a) Trade and development (A/55/320, A/55/396, A/55/15, Supplement No. 15, Parts I, II, III and IV*, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/434-S/2000/926)

   (b) Commodities (A/55/332, A/55/139-E/2000/93)

   (c) External debt crisis and development (A/55/422, A/55/183)

   *Continuation and conclusion of general discussion*

* In English only.

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| Morning*-1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.6 (item 95), A/C.2/55/L.9 (item 95) and A/C.2/55/L.11 (item 95)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5 (item 94)

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| 5 p.m.-6 p.m. | 29th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [102] (A/55/222, A/55/257-S/2000/766 and A/55/459)

*Introduction and general discussion*

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Second Committee.

### THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 38th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)] (A/55/177, A/55/213 and Add.1, A/55/214 and Add.1, A/55/275 and Add.1, A/55/279, A/55/280 and Add.1 and 2, A/55/283, A/55/288, A/55/289, A/55/291, A/55/292, A/55/296 and Add.1, A/55/302, A/55/306, A/55/328, A/55/342, A/55/360, A/55/395-S/2000/880, A/55/404-S/2000/889, A/55/408 and A/C.3/55/2)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)] (A/55/269, A/55/282* and Corr.1, A/55/294, A/55/318, A/55/335, A/55/346, A/55/358, A/55/359, A/55/363, A/55/374, A/55/400, A/55/403, A/55/509 and A/55/426-S/2000/913)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [114 (d)] (A/55/36 and A/55/438-S/2000/93)

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [114 (e)] (A/55/36)

*Introductory statement by:*

*Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia*

*Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur*

*Continuation of general discussion*

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | 39th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

1. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [114 (a)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.30*

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)] (A/55/177, A/55/213 and Add.1, A/55/214 and Add.1, A/55/275 and Add.1, A/55/279, A/55/280 and Add.1 and 2, A/55/283, A/55/288, A/55/289, A/55/291, A/55/292, A/55/296 and Add.1, A/55/302, A/55/306, A/55/328, A/55/342, A/55/360, A/55/395-S/2000/880, A/55/404-S/2000/889, A/55/408 and A/C.3/55/2)

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*Continuation of general discussion*

## FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 3 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11))

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform and outsourcing practices Procurement reform (A/55/127, A/54/866 and A/55/458) and Outsourcing practices (A/55/301 and A/55/479))

## SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | 17th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | 18th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159] (A/55/10)

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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subjects*

1. United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation (UNHHSF)

2. Draft report

# ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

*Second regular session of 2000*

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| 11 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |
| 2.45 p.m.-<br>6.15 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

*Briefing*

There will be a briefing by Mr. Horst Koehler, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, on "The Role of the Fund Following the Annual Meetings Held in Prague" *today*, 27 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council, will chair the briefing. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Friday, 27 October 2000*

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP
*(issues related to candidatures)*

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| 9.30 a.m. - 10 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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| 1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room D |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
*(draft resolution on INSTRAW)*

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| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(agenda items 93 (a) and (b) : sectoral policy questions)*

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| 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on biological diversity; climate change; complementarity of conventions; small island developing States; Rio + 10 review; and water)*

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| 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

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There will be a meeting of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 27 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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**Meeting of co-sponsors**

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.4, submitted under agenda item 73 (i) (Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda) *today*, 27 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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**Seminar**

There will be a seminar on "Reducing the Impact of Environmental Emergencies Through Early Warning and Preparedness - The Case of El Niño Southern Oscillation", organized by the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the United Nations University, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Strategy for Natural Disaster Reduction and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, *today*, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office (tel.: (212) 963-6387) or the UNEP Office (tel.: (212) 963-8094).

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**Briefing**

There will be a briefing on the G-8 Renewable Energy Task Force by the Co-Chairmen of the Task Force, *today*, 27 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing is organized by the Energy and Transport Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

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**Announcement**

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will be held *today*, 27 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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**Announcement**

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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**Announcement**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Monday, 30 October 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. — 44th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization [177]

   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Preparatory Commission (A/55/433)

   (b) Draft decision (A/55/L.5)

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [24]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/368)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.17)

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [25]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/401)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.18)

4. Towards global partnerships [173]

5. Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula: draft resolution (A/55/L.14) [183]

## Committees

### FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m. | 26th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

### SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

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| 10 a.m. | 16th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

### THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 40th meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. | 41st meeting | Conference Room 1 |

### FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 17th meeting | Conference Room 3 |
| 3 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 3 |

### SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 19th meeting | Conference Room 4 |
| 3 p.m. | 20th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**Committees**

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), as follows:

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 30 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 1st meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly (the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations), in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee prior to the 1st meeting, in room S-3420A.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open until Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. I. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

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The 205th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda for the meeting will be as follows: (a) Consideration and adoption of the Committee's report to the General Assembly; and (b) Other matters.

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

*Resumed session*

There will be a presentation by the Rome-based agencies on "Eliminating Hunger in the New Millennium" on Monday, 30 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council, will preside over the session. Statements will be made by H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the General Assembly; and Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General. The presenters will be Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Ms. Catherine Bertini, Executive Director, World Food Programme; and Mr. Fawzi H. Al-Sultan, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

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The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) (Part II) will be held on 30 and 31 October 2000 in Conference Room 8.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the First Committee on Monday, 30 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a closed meeting of the MASON Group (First Committee) on Monday, 30 October 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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### Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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### Briefing

There will be a briefing on "The Right to Development: A World Bank View", by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, World Bank Special Representative, Geneva Office, on Thursday, 2 November 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the office of the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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### Information meeting

There will be a preparatory information meeting for the Bamako Seminar on Universalization and Implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty in Africa (Mali, 15-16 February 2001), organized by the delegations of Mali, Canada and France, on Thursday, 2 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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### Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

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### Workshop

The United Nations University and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing a workshop on "COP6 and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations" as part of their annual series on *Sustainable Development in Practice*. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 25 October 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

### Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

The Committee commenced its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

*Introduction of revised draft resolutions*

The representative of South Africa introduced the revised draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.38/Rev.1.

The representative of Mongolia introduced the revised draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.40/Rev.1.

The representative of South Africa introduced an oral amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.20.

The representatives of the United Kingdom, Cuba, Canada and the Islamic Republic of Iran made general statements.

*Action on draft resolutions*

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.7 was adopted by 141 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.8* was adopted by 97 votes to 0, with 50 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.36 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.40/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.45/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.18 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.20 was adopted by 144 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.38/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.50 was adopted without a vote.

*Thursday, 26 October 2000*

## SECURITY COUNCIL

4209th meeting

*The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina*

*Letter dated 18 October 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/999)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany and Italy, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Petritsch.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Argentina, Malaysia, Tunisia, France, Bangladesh, Ukraine, the Netherlands, China, the United Kingdom, Mali, Canada and Jamaica, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Namibia.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany and Italy.

Mr. Petritsch responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

4210th (private) meeting

*The situation concerning Western Sahara*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4210th meeting, held in private on 26 October 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation concerning Western Sahara", for the purpose of a briefing by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and with the consent of the Council, the President extended an invitation to His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Benaissa, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco.

"The members of the Council and His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Benaissa had a frank discussion".

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

41st plenary meeting

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/521)* [122]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/521) (resolution 55/5).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 122.

*Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/519)* [16 (c)]

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, elected Mr. Ruud Lubbers as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 2001.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands and Japan.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 16 (c).

*Report of the International Court of Justice (A/55/4)* [13]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice (A/55/4).

The President made a statement.

The President of the International Court of Justice made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Costa Rica, Singapore, India, Guatemala, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Lesotho, Qatar, Brazil and Mexico.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 13.

*Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/55/L.9/Rev.1)* [31]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 31.

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.9/Rev.1.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France (on behalf of the European Union, and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), New Zealand, Australia, Canada, and Iraq.

By 136 votes to 2, with 10 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.9/Rev.1 (resolution 55/6).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Armenia, Japan, Peru, Ecuador and Uruguay.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its considerations of agenda item 31.

42nd plenary meeting

*Oceans and the law of the sea* [34]

*(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/61, A/55/386)*

*(b) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its first meeting (A/55/274)*

*(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.10, L.11)*

The representative of New Zealand made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/55/L.10.

The representative of the United States made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.11.

Statements were made by the representatives of Monaco, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway, Canada, the Philippines, Iceland, India, Viet Nam, China, the Republic of Korea, Tonga and Japan.

## Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Dhanapala, made a general statement.

The representative of Cameroon made a statement pertaining to agenda item 73 (p).

*Action on draft resolutions*

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.16 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.44 was adopted by 127 votes to 0, with 22 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.35 was adopted by 145 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.12 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.3/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.5 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.9 was adopted without a vote.

*Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.13* was adopted without a vote.*

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.13/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.17 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.23 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.24 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.26 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.33 was adopted without a vote.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 15th meeting

*United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East* [84]

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) introduced his report (A/55/13).

The representative of Norway, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/55/456).

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the associated countries of Cyprus and Malta), Jordan, Cuba, Norway, China, Japan, Tunisia and Yemen.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. on the same day.

*International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space* [83]

The Chairman drew members' attention to the text of draft resolution (A/C.4/55/L.8*) as reissued for technical reasons as well as to the text of the programme budget implications to the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/55/L.9.

The Committee decided, on the proposal by the Chairman and at the request of delegations concerned, to defer consideration of the draft resolution at a later meeting.

*Effects of atomic radiation* [82]

The Chairman drew members' attention to the revised draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/55/L.6/Rev.1.

The representative of Sweden introduced the text of the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Belarus withdrew their amendments contained in document A/C.4/55/L.7/Rev.1.

The Committee decided, on the proposal by the Chairman, to take action on the draft resolution at its next meeting on Monday, 30 October.

*Organization of work*

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to set Wednesday, 1 November, at 6 p.m. as the deadline for submission of draft proposals relating to agenda items 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 85 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) and to take action on all of them on Tuesday, 7 November, after the conclusion of the general debate on agenda item 85.

SECOND COMMITTEE 26th meeting

*Macroeconomic policy questions* [92]

*(a) Trade and development*

*(b) Commodities*

*(c) External debt crisis and development*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made an introductory statement.

The President of the Trade and Development Board and Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations Office at Geneva, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), the European Community (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Bangladesh, Norway, Singapore (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR).

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

*Co-sponsors*

The Committee was informed that Malta has become a co-sponsor of draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.7 and L.11 and France (on behalf of the European Union) became a co-sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4.

27th meeting

*Sustainable development and international economic cooperation* [94]

*(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.12 and A/C.2/55/L.13*

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolutions on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

*Environment and sustainable development* [95]

*(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.15*

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

*(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.14*

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

*Macroeconomic policy questions* [92]

*(a) Trade and development*

*(b) Commodities*

*(c) External debt crisis and development*

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, the Philippines, Australia (on behalf of the CAIRNS Group), Poland, China, Togo, Japan, Ethiopia, Yemen, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador (on behalf of the Andean Community), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of SADC), Kazakhstan, Fiji, Canada and Zambia.

The observer for Switzerland made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 36th meeting

*Human rights questions* [114]

*(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

*(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives*

*(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

*(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The Committee continued its dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq, in which the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahariya and Iraq took part.

The Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights introduced the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah, who was not able to present his report, and made an introductory statement for the reports under sub-item 114 (b).

The representative of Myanmar made a statement.

The Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Sir Nigel Rodley, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, in which the representatives of Cuba, China, Denmark and Iraq took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi, Mrs. Marie-Thérèse Keita-Bocoum, made a presentation.

The representative of Burundi made a statement.

The Committee then began its general discussion of sub-items 114 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Senegal and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

37th meeting

*Elimination of racism and racial discrimination* [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.26 and L.27*

The representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced the draft resolutions.

*Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments* [114 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.29*

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Bolivia, Nicaragua and Sri Lanka, introduced the draft resolution.

*Crime prevention and criminal justice* [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.8/Rev.1*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme implications.

The representative of the United States announced that Argentina, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Croatia, Kenya, the Republic of Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, the Republic of Moldova, Namibia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, the Dominican Republic, Madagascar and the Marshall Islands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and Antigua and Barbuda.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Barbados and Belize.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 105.

*Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"* [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.28*

The Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Sarah Paterson (New Zealand), informed the Committee of the outcome of her consultations on the draft resolution and orally corrected the text.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Venezuela in connection with the translation of the text.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 108.

*Promotion and protection of the rights of children* [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.17*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Namibia announced that Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Brazil, Hungary, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Poland, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mongolia and Republic of Moldova had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Japan, the Niger, Panama, Togo, Tunisia, Uzbekistan and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

*Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People* [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.19*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral correction that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Denmark announced that Germany, Ireland, Italy, Paraguay and the Russian Federation had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Dominican Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Guatemala.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 111.

*Elimination of racism and racial discrimination* [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.24*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Belgium announced that Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Guatemala, Israel, Lesotho, Mongolia, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, the Solomon Islands, Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Belarus, Benin, Burkina Faso, the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Liberia, Madagascar, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Panama and San Marino joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

*Right of peoples to self-determination* [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.22*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Pakistan announced that Yemen should be deleted from the list of sponsors to the draft resolution and that Bahrain, Djibouti, Ethiopia and the Niger had joined as sponsors. Subsequently, Armenia, Comoros, the Dominican Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Liberia and Nigeria joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Argentina.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.23*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba informed the Committee that El Salvador, Madagascar and Pakistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, the Comoros and the Dominican Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 92 to 16, with 33 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta).

Statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria and the Philippines regarding their vote.

*Human rights questions* [114]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the agenda sub-items 114 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of Costa Rica, Colombia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Israel, Cambodia, Morocco and Romania.

*Right of reply*

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq, Kuwait, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, the Congo and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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1884th meeting

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant* [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Argentina (CCPR/C/ARG/98/3).

1885th meeting

*Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant* [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

# SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

## [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973*

*Accession.* Botswana (25 October 2000)*

*Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998*

*Ratification.* Spain (24 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special event

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflicts, Mr. Olara A. Otunnu, will host a meeting with a group of Sierra Leone victims of war *today*, 27 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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### Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until Tuesday, 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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